

## NOTICE OF INTENT

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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the turkey dates and limits for the 201~~43~~ season.

### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

#### Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

#### §115. Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits

A. Daily limit is one gobbler. Season limit is two gobblers. Turkeys taken on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey may be taken during spring WMA lottery hunts ~~and only one turkey may be taken during the fall WMA lottery hunt.~~

B. Turkey season will open on the fourth Saturday in March. The Area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the Area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the Area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife Management Areas, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. Deviation from this framework may

occur in those years when the fourth Saturday in March falls the day before Easter.

C. Statewide Youth Turkey and Physically Challenged Season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the start of the regular turkey season.

D. Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed herein are open to turkey hunting. All other Wildlife Management Areas are closed.

E. 201~~4~~3 Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 22 <del>3</del> - April 20 <del>1</del>
B	March 22 <del>3</del> - April 13 <del>4</del>
C	March 22 <del>3</del> - April 6 <del>7</del>
Private Lands Youth and Physically Challenged Hunter (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt	March 15 <del>6</del> -16 <del>7</del>

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F. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Attakapas	March 22 <del>3</del> - March 30 <del>1</del>	None
Bayou Macon	None	April 12 <del>3</del> - 13 <del>4</del>
Big Lake	March 22 <del>3</del> - April 6 <del>7</del>	None
Bodcau	March 22 <del>3</del> - April 6 <del>7</del>	None
Boeuf	March 22 <del>3</del> - March 30 <del>1</del>	None
Clear Creek	March 31 <del>April 1</del> - April 21	March 22 <del>3</del> - 23 <del>4</del> March 29 <del>30</del> - 30 <del>1</del>
Camp Beauregard	March 22 <del>3</del> - March 30 <del>1</del>	None
Dewey Wills	None	March 22 <del>3</del> - 23 <del>4</del> March 24 <del>25</del> March 29 <del>30</del> - 30 <del>1</del> March 31 <del>April 1</del>
Fort Polk-Vernon	March 22 <del>3</del> - April 20 <del>1</del>	None

Grassy Lake	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - March <del>30</del> <sup>1</sup>	None
Hutchinson Creek	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - April <del>20</del> <sup>1</sup>	None
Jackson-Bienville	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - April <del>6</del> <sup>7</sup>	None
Lake Ramsey	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - April <del>6</del> <sup>7</sup>	None
Little River	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - April <del>6</del> <sup>7</sup>	None
Loggy Bayou	None	April <del>11</del> <sup>2</sup> - <del>13</del> <sup>4</sup>
Peason Ridge	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - April <del>20</del> <sup>1</sup>	None
Pomme de Terre	April 16 - April 20	None
Richard K. Yancey Red River	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - April <del>6</del> <sup>7</sup>	None
Sabine	None	<del>March 28 - 30</del> <del>April 13 - 15</del> April <del>11</del> <sup>9</sup> - <del>13</del> <sup>21</sup>
Sandy Hollow	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - April <del>6</del> <sup>7</sup>	None
Sherburne	March <del>24</del> <sup>5</sup> - <del>26</del> <sup>7</sup>	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - <del>23</del> <sup>4</sup>
Sicily Island	None	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - <del>24</del> <sup>5</sup> March <del>25</del> <sup>6</sup> - <del>27</del> <sup>8</sup> March <del>28</del> <sup>9</sup> - <del>March 30</del> <sup>1</sup> <del>March 31</del> April <del>1</del> <sup>1</sup> - April <del>23</del> <sup>23</sup> April <del>34</del> <sup>34</sup> - <del>67</del> <sup>67</sup>
Tangipahoa Parish School Board	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - April <del>20</del> <sup>1</sup>	None
Three Rivers	March <del>23</del> <sup>3</sup> - April <del>7</del> <sup>7</sup>	None
Tunica Hills South Tract	April <del>7</del> <sup>8</sup> - <del>13</del> <sup>4</sup>	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - <del>23</del> <sup>4</sup> March <del>29</del> <sup>30</sup> - March <del>30</del> <sup>1</sup> April <del>5</del> <sup>6</sup> - <del>6</del> <sup>7</sup>
Tunica Hills North Tract	April <del>7</del> <sup>8</sup> - <del>13</del> <sup>4</sup>	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - <del>23</del> <sup>4</sup> March <del>29</del> <sup>30</sup> - March <del>30</del> <sup>1</sup> April <del>5</del> <sup>6</sup> - <del>6</del> <sup>7</sup>
Union	<del>March 31 - April 6</del> None	<del>March 29 - 30</del> <del>April 12 - 14</del> <del>April 19 - 21</del>
Walnut	March <del>22</del> <sup>3</sup> - April <del>20</del> <sup>1</sup>	None

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Hills		
West Bay	None	March <del>22</del> 3 - <del>23</del> 4 March <del>29</del> 30 - March 30 <del>1</del> April <del>5</del> 6 - <del>6</del> 7

G. Wildlife Management Area ~~& Kisatchie National Forest~~  
Lottery Youth Hunts

WMA/Ranger District	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Big Lake	March <del>15</del> 6
Bodcau	March <del>15</del> 6 - <del>16</del> 7
Clear Creek	March <del>15</del> 6
Fort Polk-Vernon/Peason Ridge <del>/ Calcasieu Ranger Dist.</del> <del>Caney Ranger District.</del> <del>Catahoula Ranger Dist.</del> <del>Kisatchie Ranger Dist. &amp;</del> <del>Winn Ranger Dist.</del>	March <del>15</del> 6
Grassy Lake	March <del>15</del> 6
Jackson-Bienville	March <del>15</del> 6 - <del>16</del> 7
Loggy Bayou	April <del>5</del> 6 - <del>6</del> 7
Pearl River	April <del>5</del> 6 <del>April 13</del>
Pomme de Terre	April <del>5</del> 6
Sherburne	March <del>15</del> 6
Sicily Island	March <del>15</del> 6
Spring Bayou	April <del>5</del> 6
Tunica Hills	March <del>15</del> 6
Union	<del>March 15 -</del> <del>16 April 6 - 7</del>
West Bay	March <del>15</del> 6

H. Non-lottery WMA youth hunts

1. Bodcau WMA will be open April ~~12~~3-~~13~~4 (only youths may hunt).
2. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April ~~12~~3-~~13~~4 (only youths may hunt).

I. Wildlife Management Area Physically Challenged

(Wheelchair Confined) Hunt

1. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April ~~145~~ - ~~204~~ to holders of valid physically challenged hunter (wheelchair classification) permits.

J. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: (Youth only) March 15 - 16 on Caney, Calcasieu (except Vernon Unit lands within Ft. Polk-Vernon WMA) and Kisatchie Ranger Districts, (youth only) March 15 on Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts. Caney Ranger District, March ~~223~~ - April ~~67~~; all remaining KNF lands, March ~~223~~ - April ~~134~~ (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers turkey hunting schedule: Indian Bayou Area, March ~~156~~-~~167~~ youth and physically challenged lottery only hunt, and lottery hunt only on March ~~223~~-~~234~~ and March ~~2930~~-March ~~304~~. Old River Control and Lock Areas, March ~~223~~ - April ~~67~~.

3. National Wildlife Refuges: Bogue Chitto NWR, March ~~223~~ - April ~~134~~, March 15 - 16 (youth only); Lake Ophelia NWR, March 15 (youth lottery only), March ~~223~~ - April ~~67~~ hunt ends at 12 p.m. each day; Tensas NWR, March ~~156~~-~~167~~ (youth only), March ~~223~~ - April ~~67~~; Upper Ouachita NWR, March ~~156~~ (youth lottery only).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2376 (November 2002), LR 29:2513 (November 2003), LR 30:2875 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2470 (November 2007), LR 35:90 (January 2009), LR 35:2481 (November 2009), LR 36:2583 (November 2010), LR 37:3541 (December 2011), LR 38:2944 (November 2012).

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Mr. Kenneth Ribbeck, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., September ~~56~~, 201~~32~~.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the

preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Ronald Graham~~Ann L. Taylor~~

Chairman